



Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project

What's happening?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is improving the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal.

Project Priorities

- Accommodate projected ridership growth — 136% walk-on and 25% vehicle increase during the peak-period by 2030
- Reduce conflicts between & improve access for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit & vehicles
- Improve overall accessibility, safety, and security of terminal facilities
- Improve local access & circulation in & around the ferry terminal
- Create connections for passengers to & from multi-modal transportation services to meet current & future demands
- Better integration between the terminal facility & the community
- Improve ferry terminal facilities to make the loading & unloading of vessels more safe & efficient



Why are ferry terminal improvements needed?

The Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal is among WSF's busiest facilities. Repairs to the facility have been minimal with most major work done 20 years ago. Key structural components of the terminal need to be replaced, including the overhead loading facilities. Safety and circulation improvements are needed for transit, autos, pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with limited mobility.

What will the project involve?

As a first step, WSF is reviewing the 1998 ferry terminal master plan. This includes re-examining original data, looking at past options and reasons for selection and developing new concepts based on current information and ridership projections for the 2030 time frame. WSF completed trestle replacement this summer, a near-term project identified in the 1998 plan. WSF's end product is a master plan that will identify a series of projects phased and implemented over time.

How did we get here?

WSF prepared a Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Master Plan during the mid-1990s to complement Kitsap Transit and the City of Bainbridge Island's transportation planning efforts. The master plan design featured improved access for pedestrians, bicyclists, cars and buses. Due to the passage of Initiative 695, funding for the terminal improvement projects identified in the 1998 plan were put on



Deficiencies at Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal

hold. In 2005, the Legislature recognized the need for substantial improvements at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal by appropriating funding for the proposed projects.

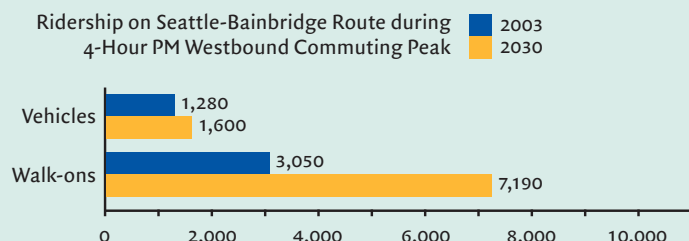
How much will this cost?

The projects identified in the 1998 plan are estimated to cost \$160 million. This funding has been approved by the Legislature, programmed over the next twelve years.

What did the 1998 Master Plan do?

The 1998 Master Plan set forth a recommended set of projects for the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. The Plan's near-term projects were intended to maintain the existing facilities in safe and efficient operating condition. Meanwhile, the Plan's long-term projects were intended to address needs over the next 30 years through a carefully structured set of improvements for transit, non-motorized, and vehicle users.

Ridership on the Bainbridge–Seattle Route is Projected to Increase



How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please contact us if you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the WSF Bainbridge Projects mailing list.

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What coordination is occurring with related agencies, projects and planning efforts?

WSF is working with other agencies — including City of Bainbridge Island, WSDOT Highways and Kitsap Transit — to ensure long-term strategies and solutions for the terminal are compatible with plans for the area. As an outgrowth of this coordinated planning, WSDOT plans to improve safety by adding a traffic signal and crosswalk at the intersection at Harborview Drive and Olympic Drive.

WSF and the City of Bainbridge Island are also working collaboratively to understand common priorities, exchange ideas and design concepts for the ferry terminal facility and surrounding neighborhood. This integrated planning effort will ensure consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan, the regional transportation system, the SR 305 Corridor Study and other ongoing planning in the community and region.

Planning and design of the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project are tied to the growth assumptions in the WSF Long-Range Plan. WSF will develop a phased implementation plan for the project to provide flexibility in meeting actual growth.

What public involvement opportunities are included as part of this project?

Public participation opportunities, including public meetings and community briefings, will be offered throughout the duration of the project.

In April 2006, WSF held its first public work session to explore options that benefit both the community and ferry operations. WSF and the City of Bainbridge Island are hosting a joint public workshop for the Ferry/Gateway District on September 28, 2006. Participants will review preliminary concepts for the ferry terminal and surrounding neighborhood.



Workshop participants reviewing design options for the new ferry terminal.

A 12-member Community Advisory Group (CAG) is working with WSF to provide customer and community input in the development of a preferred alternative for the ferry terminal. Members provide input to WSF from the community perspective and assist in keeping the public informed of the project's progress. CAG meetings are open to the public.

What is the time line for improving the terminal?

WSF has adjusted its time line to allow for better coordination with the City of Bainbridge Island on its planning for areas adjacent to the terminal. Project milestones include:

Fall 2006	Identify Alternatives
December 2006	Public & Agency Scoping
January 2007	Identify Preferred Alternatives
Spring 2008	Draft Environmental Document
Summer 2008	Final Environmental Document
2009	Construction of first project(s) begins

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